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Draft resolution submitted by the Chairman of the Commission, Alfredo Chuquihuara (Peru), on the basis of informal consultations

Follow-up to the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development

The Commission on Population and Development,

Bearing in mind that 2004 marks the tenth anniversary of the International Conference on Population and Development, held in Cairo in 1994, and of the adoption of its Programme of Action,[1]

Concerned that, based on current trends, many countries may fall short of achieving the agreed goals and commitments of the Programme of Action,

Reaffirming the United Nations Millennium Declaration and the internationally agreed development goals, including those contained in the United Nations Millennium Declaration,[2]

Reiterating the call to implement fully and build further on the commitments made and agreements reached at the International Conference on Financing for Development,[3]

Recalling General Assembly resolution 57/270 B,

Bearing in mind the goals and objectives on population and development of the other major United Nations conferences and summits, and their reviews,

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[1] *Report of the International Conference on Population and Development, Cairo, 5-13 September 1994* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.95.XIII.18), chap. I, resolution 1, annex.

[2] See General Assembly resolution 55/2.

[3] *Report of the International Conference on Financing for Development, Monterrey, Mexico, 18-22 March 2002* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.02.II.A.7), chap. I, resolution 1, annex.

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Welcoming the decision of the General Assembly to commemorate at its fifty-ninth session the tenth anniversary of the International Conference on Population and Development,

Taking note of the report of the Secretary-General on the review and appraisal of the progress made in achieving the goals and objectives of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development,[4]

Taking note also of the report of the Secretary-General entitled "Flow of financial resources for assisting in the implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development: a 10-year review",[5]

Noting that the current levels of financing, including levels of official development assistance, are still well below those needed to achieve the internationally agreed development goals, including the goals contained in the United Nations Millennium Declaration,

Stressing the importance of population and reproductive health for development,

Bearing in mind the reports on the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development and on the key actions for the further implementation of the Programme of Action, in their entirety,

1. *Reaffirms* the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development[1] and the key actions for its further implementation;[6]

2. *Stresses* that the implementation of the Programme of Action and the key actions make an essential contribution to the achievement of internationally agreed development goals, including those contained in the United Nations Millennium Declaration;

3 *Recalls* that it has been estimated that, in the developing countries and countries with economies in transition, the implementation of programmes in the area of reproductive health will cost, in 1993 United States dollars, $18.5 billion in 2005 and $21.7 billion in 2015, and that it is tentatively estimated that up to two thirds of the costs will continue to be met by the countries themselves and approximately one third from external resources;

4. *Reiterates* that increased political will from all Governments and reaffirmation of the commitment for mobilization of international assistance, as agreed in Cairo, are urgently needed to accelerate the implementation of the Programme of Action, which will in turn contribute to the advancement of the broad population and development agenda;

5. *Reiterates also* that Governments should continue to commit themselves at the highest political level to achieving the goals and objectives of the Programme of Action, including through the integration of the Programme of Action in programmes and national policies for poverty eradication;

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[4] E/CN.9/2004/3.

[5] E/CN.9/2004/4.

[6] General Assembly resolution S-21/2, annex.

6. *Recognizes* that the effective implementation of the Programme of Action will require an increased commitment of financial resources, both domestically and externally, and in this context calls upon developed countries to complement the national financial efforts of developing countries on population and development and intensify their efforts to transfer new and additional resources to the developing countries, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Programme of Action, in order to ensure that population and development objectives and goals are met;

7. *Urges* donor countries to fulfil their commitments with regard to their official development assistance for population assistance;

8. *Calls upon* both donors and developing countries to make every effort to strengthen their commitment to meet the estimated costs of the Programme of Action;

9. *Encourages* Governments, international organizations, including those of the United Nations system, international financial institutions and other relevant stakeholders to assist developing countries in implementing the Programme of Action through technical assistance and capacity-building activities to accelerate the implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development;

10. *Reiterates* that international cooperation in the field of population and development is essential for the implementation of the Programme of Action and the key actions for its further implementation and for the attainment of its goals by 2015, and calls upon the international community to continue to provide, both bilaterally and multilaterally, support and assistance for population and development activities in the developing countries;

11. *Emphasizes* the importance of building and sustaining partnerships among Governments and relevant civil-society stakeholders, in accordance with section V of the key actions, to strengthen the capacity of developing countries for the successful implementation of the Programme of Action and the key actions for its further implementation, and invites all Governments and relevant organizations of the United Nations system, as well as the private sector and non-governmental organizations, to continue to support these activities;

12. *Calls upon* the United Nations Population Fund to continue to play a crucial role, within its mandate, in helping recipient countries to achieve the goals and targets contained in the Programme of Action, the key actions for its further implementation and the United Nations Millennium Declaration, recognizing the strong and widespread support for the activities of the Fund.